

REMARKS

Claims 35-49 are pending in this application.¹ Claim 35 is independent. Favorable reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 35 was rejected over U.S. Patent No. 5,583,870 (Delprat). The dependent claims were rejected over Delprat in view of one or more of the following references: U.S. Patent No. 6,125,125 (Narashima), U.S. Patent No. 5,274,669 (Klank), U.S. Patent No. 4,577,334 (Boer), and U.S. Patent No. 5,598,404 (Hayashi).

The rejection of independent claim 35 was discussed in a telephone interview held with the Examiner on May 28, 2009. We thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during that telephone interview.

During the telephone interview, the Examiner indicated that the above amendments to claim 35 define over Delprat. However, she also indicated that a further search would be conducted. Accordingly, once that search has been conducted, and the Examiner is convinced of the patentability of the claims, she is respectfully requested to allow the application.

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¹ The Examiner is urged to independently confirm this recitation of the pending claims.

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